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I anticipate a happy interview with you and your dear family when you are comfortably situated in your log cabin built by your own hands. Possibly I may be one of your congregation. — Who can tell what three or four years may bring about? If so I shall wish you to build me a little hut as I shall very likely spend my days in single blessedness and shall be very happy to be near some Friend. But stop; I don't know but I shall scare you: However I will promise not to be very troublesome. — Perhaps in return I may in some way be serviceable to you. When you shall be surrounded with a half dozen or more prattlers all looking to you for something to eat I reckon they will like to come and see me in my little hut. And you know I shall always keep a bit of bread and cheese to give them: — and besides I shall delight to be fixing something that will make the little creatures look pretty. Oh how pretty they will be. — But enough, of this stuff.

Dolly regretted very much in not seeing you when at home — she is well and Polly likewise. Lucius B. is teaching school in Plymouth this winter — commenced the second week in Dec. I rejoice to hear you are engaged in a Bible Class. This seems to claim the attention of the public. — We have a very interesting class here which embraces almost all of the youth and children over nine years. — For our subject we are attending to the epistle to the Ephesians. In your next please to send word what course you pursue. In Farmington they have a class. — Mary is a member Jonathan has gone to Tariffville to work. — expects to stay through the season. I expect to go to your house to morrow and shall leave the other page for your Mother as I have nothing more of importance to communicate. — Please to direct yours for me, to Linsbury. — I shall wish to hear soon,

I can think of nothing more at present.

Your Friend and Sister,

Parentas Bodwell

Linsbury Jan. 22 1828

Dear Cousin A.

Last Saturday I was favoured with an opportunity of just taking a peep at your last communication to your Mother. — I there discovered a broad hint that you were waiting for me to write before I could be favoured with your correspondence. — I must confess I did not think this was the cause of your silence but it seems you did. But I am willing to acknowledge I am not so quick in apprehension as many are. You must therefore pardon this seeming negligence on my part.

My Friend I have often thought of the morning when we last parted. — The words you were ^{then} humming have afforded matter for deep contemplation. "E'en let the unknown to-morrow bring what it will. How dark is futurity to us short sighted mortals, and how unsearchable the ways of our heavenly Father. — But well will it be for us if we can with submission, and christian fortitude, meet the various ills of life, and receive the divine appointments without a murmur. In view of the great work you anticipate, and the way in which you have been directed thus far, I am led with the apostle to exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Surely none but God can raise up, qualify and send forth fit subjects to advance his glory on earth. — None but God can bring about the glorious events of his purposes and hasten forward the latter day. — How important then is the station of that of a gospel minister! What business so delightful and at the same time so arduous! Methinks without divine aid and support he would soon languish and die. But he that commands "Go preach my gospel" has also said "Lo I am with you alway to the end of time." May you my Friend share largely in the grace of the gospel in this your preparatory season and in due time be fitted for eminent usefulness in the Church of Christ and finally when your work is done may many souls be added to your crown of rejoicing.